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ANTITRUST DIVISION NAMES MAKAN DELRAHIM DEPUTY ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL RESPONSIBLE FOR INTERNATIONAL, POLICY AND APPELLATE MATTERS

Appointment Shows Division's Emphasis on International and Intellectual Property Issues

WASHINGTON, D.C. – R. Hewitt Pate, Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Department's Antitrust Division, today announced that Makan Delrahim will serve as the Deputy Assistant Attorney General responsible for international, policy and appellate matters for the Division.

"Having a patent lawyer with Makan's credentials and experience as a Deputy Assistant Attorney General will be an unprecedented asset to the Division," said Pate. "His extensive experience in the international field, his knowledge of intellectual property issues as well as his experience in the biotechnology, recording, and motion pictures industries, make him a uniquely qualified individual."

Delrahim has worked for the Senate Judiciary Committee since 1998, serving as Majority Counsel and Supervisor of Antitrust, Business Rights and Commercial Law unit from 1998 to 2000, and as the Staff Director and Chief Counsel since 2001.

From 1996 to 1998, Delrahim was an associate at Patton Boggs, L.L.P. in Washington, D.C., where he counseled clients on transactions, compliance and policy advocacy relating to antitrust, intellectual property and international trade issues.

From 1992 to 1995, Delrahim served as a Technology Licensing Analyst at the Office of Technology Transfer of the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland.

In 1994, he was detailed from the National Institutes of Health to serve as the Deputy Director for Intellectual Property Rights at the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative where he negotiated international agreements relating to intellectual property, dealt with biotechnology patent and copyright matters regarding the domestic implementation of the Uruguay Round negotiations of GATT/WTO, and represented the USTR in interagency meetings on bilateral science and technology agreements.

Delrahim was also a legal intern for Judge James L. Buckley, U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit in 1994.

Delrahim received his B.S. from the University of California at Los Angeles in 1991, and in 1995, received his J.D., with high honors, from George Washington University Law School in Washington, D.C. In 2002, he received his M.S. in biotechnology from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore.

Additionally, Delrahim has co-authored and submitted briefs to the U.S. Supreme Court, and has given numerous speeches on antitrust law, international crime policy, bankruptcy, telecommunications and intellectual property.

He is a member of the California and District of Columbia Bars and is admitted to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Delrahim has volunteered legal assistance to the Washington Area Lawyers for the Arts, and has assisted Latino immigrants with naturalization and residency applications through the Washington Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights.

Delrahim is fluent in Farsi and became a naturalized U.S. citizen in 1992.